

2024 KAKEHASHI – LA African American Young Business Leaders Delegation



Roman Combs, a dynamic entrepreneur, excels in the realms of art, design, product manufacturing, and technology. With studies in Biology/Biomedical Sciences and Computer Science at UC Riverside, he has seamlessly transitioned to managing multiple businesses while leveraging his tech expertise. He is CEO and Creative Director of luggage company Haven Made Global, and Owner of creative marketing agency Romans Global Agency. He also serves as social media & communications consultant for Destination Crenshaw and as public ambassador for TEC Leimert. Roman bridges cultures and continents, using his unique perspective to amplify important narratives and foster community connections online. His passion for uniting voices, employing tech skills like social media management and photogrammetry, and creating innovative products through art and design continue to shape a multifaceted career dedicated to making a difference, one venture at a time.



Kaya Dantzer is a cultural organizer and emerging leader from South Los Angeles who is devoted to advancing social justice for Angelenos and Black people globally. She has worked as an Outreach Coordinator at City Year Los Angeles, Communications and Engagement Manager at LA Commons, and Regional Field Manager at Color of Change. Her work has focused on mobilizing communities to challenge systemic inequities through art, digital media, and education. She is a co-founder of “We Love Leimert,” an organization dedicated to preserving Leimert Park Village as a thriving hub for Black culture and life. Kaya is a dedicated advocate for social justice and believes in the power of community to transform societies and create brighter futures for all. She holds a B.A. in Economics/Development and Cultural Change from the University of the Pacific.



Mitchella “Mitch” Gilbert, an inclusive product designer, is CEO of Oya Femtech Apparel. Mitch is a former elite athlete and is obsessed with women’s health and sportswear apparel. They attended the UCLA Anderson School of Management after earning a full scholarship to build their startup Oya. They are one of the first 200 black women to raise over \$1M in venture capital and graduated from the University of Chicago with a bachelor’s degree in Public Policy. Oya is one of Fast Company’s Most Innovative Companies of The Year and an innovation partner to the American Medical Association. With a patent to their name, Mitch has been honored with prestigious awards including the John Wooden International Leadership Award and recognition as one of LA Business Journal’s “20 In Their 20s” leaders. Their innovations have garnered endorsements from NASA and Google.



Elijah Simmons is a Los Angeles fashion designer, artist and one of the co-founders of the Juneteenth Festival in Leimert Park. Also known as “Six Sev,” Elijah uses his platform to express his passion for community, fashion, arts and social impact and continues to be a critical link to the South L.A. community today. He founded a brand for social impact named Pray For The Hood, and also serves on the advisory council for Destination Crenshaw. Elijah was highlighted as an entrepreneur, activist, and designer in Pharrell and Jay Z’s 2020 music video “Entrepreneur” and has worked as a designer for Nipsey Hussle’s The Marathon Clothing brand. Elijah is inspiring a future for his city in the wake of one of its greatest tragedies. His work carries core elements of community-building & cultural preservation and is also a space for self- empowerment and creative expression.



Kameale Terry is the Co-Founder and CEO of ChargerHelp, Inc. an app enabling on-demand electric vehicle charging station repair. As the former Director of Programs at EV Connect, an electric vehicle charge station network provider, Kameale structured and led teams to execute electric vehicle infrastructure projects and programs in the United States, Australia, and Canada for commercial and government entities. Her most notable projects include the Electrify America - Phase One Program, the Southern California Edison Charge Ready Pilot, and the New York Power Authority portfolio. Prior to this role, Kameale created, hired, and oversaw the Customer Experience Department at EV Connect by partnering with the Southbay Workforce Investment Board to employ candidates from the local community. As a South Central Los Angeles native, Kameale believes an equitable green economy can be achieved through impactful workforce development and realignment.